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NAVY MOVE MYSTERY

HMS "Nigeria" Sails For An "Unknown Destination"

Gold In Macao

Unconfirmed messages from Macao yesterday reported the arrival of some 100,000 ounces of gold at the Portuguese Colony during the Chinese New Year holidays.

The messages added that gold import allocations for the next quarter will be issued shortly.

Wolfram Ore Smuggling Rampant

Nanking, Feb. 16. Communist elements in Kwangtung province were reported today as engaged in large scale armed smuggling which nets them a monthly profit estimated at CN\$50,000,000 (US\$370,000 at today's Central Bank open market rate), according to the official Central Daily News in a dispatch from Canton.

The report said that the smugglers, using Wai Yeung, near the Kwangtung coast, as a base of operations, are shipping under armed guard large quantities of wolfram ore for export. This and other smuggled goods are hauled between the coast and interior points over mountain footpaths and along unguarded trucks.

Stating that from such illicit trade, Communist smugglers usually get more than CN\$50,000,000 a month profit, the report quoted an official in Canton as saying that this is the "most serious economic crisis in South China."

Besides their own smuggling activities, the Communists are also reported to be offering "police protection" to other illicit traders, in return for which they also obtain "vast sums" of money.—Reuter-AAP.

Falkland Islands?

London, Feb. 16. The British cruiser "Nigeria," 8,000 tons, was due to sail at dawn today from the South African base of Simonstown, on an operation, the Admiralty stated here. The vessel, which is the flagship of the South Atlantic Station, is being temporarily withdrawn from that Station.

"But her destination is secret," an Admiralty spokesman declared. "Nor can we give the reason for temporarily withdrawing her from the South Atlantic Station."

Reports in the London press linked the ship's departure with developments in the Southern Atlantic and Antarctic areas, where the Argentine and Chilean Governments are disputing Britain's title to territory in the Falkland Islands and dependencies, and have rejected the proposal that the matter be submitted to the International Court of Justice.

A Foreign Office spokesman was this morning unable to confirm or deny any connection between the mysterious departure of the cruiser "Nigeria" with the rival political claims of Britain, Chile and the Argentine over the territory forming part of the Falkland Islands dependencies, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The departure last week of the President of Chile by cruiser to establish physical possession in that segment of Antarctic territory claimed by his country was immediately followed by the publication here of diplomatic exchanges between London and Santiago on the subject of the Chilean claim.

Latest reports here are that the departure of the Chilean President's cruiser was delayed, so that in terms of priority the possible arrival of a British cruiser in the disputed area might still forestall that of the Chilean Presidential expedition.

Mystery Deepens

Against this, it is recalled that the British sloop "Snipe," with the Governor of the Falkland Islands aboard, was recently making a tour of the islands and their dependencies, during which it encountered

Shanghai Quota Criticism

NANKING, FEB. 16. MR. CHEN CHI-TIEN, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, DECLARED THAT THE MINISTRY WILL FOLLOW THE SUGGESTIONS OF NEWSPAPER CIRCLES IN THE CAPITAL IN MAKING ALLOCATIONS OF NEWSPRINT AND FIXING ITS PRICE, ETC., THE OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS REPORTED TODAY.

The statement by the Minister was made to allay criticisms raised here against the import quotas of newspaper and paper pulp as fixed for the fifth and sixth quarters.

Local newspaper circles contend that the increase in imports of pulp is an unprofitable move as it costs more per ton than newspaper. They also pointed out that it is open to question whether paper manufactured domestically will compare favourably with the imported product. The possibility that the local product might become available only through the black market was also held as detrimental to the publishing business.—Reuter-AAP.

62 Dead In U.S. Floods

CHICAGO, FEB. 16. THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE FOUR-DAY ONSLAUGHT OF FLOODS, ICE WEATHER AND STORMS REACHED 62 TODAY, BUT FORCED THOUSANDS OF PERSONS IN SIX STATES TO EVACUATE THEIR HOMES BEGAN TO REDECE IN MOST AREAS.

The U.S. Weather Bureau in Chicago reported that temperatures across the nation generally rose today, bringing relief from the long siege of severe winter weather.

Temperatures are expected to continue warmer in the next two days, except in States along the Canadian border.

The Red Cross estimated that 10,000 persons were forced to flee from flood areas but, as the situation eased today, many families have returned.—United Press.

Tokyo, Feb. 16. Four were killed and six seriously injured when two apartment houses in Tokyo were destroyed by fire yesterday. One hundred and four families have been made homeless.—Reuter.

Fog In The Harbour

An unusually heavy mist enveloped the Colony from 9 p.m. on Sunday until dawn yesterday. Between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Sunday, visibility in the harbour was practically nil.

Craft in the harbour had to sound their fog horns regularly every few seconds to avoid collisions.

Lights on either side of the harbour could not be seen, and ferry boat schedules were thrown "out of gear." They were guided by the sounding of gongs on the wharves.

It took one resident travelling in a motor-boat almost half an hour to cross from the island to the mainland. Fortunately there were no mishaps.

KOWLOON CITY NEAR SETTLEMENT

Nanking, Feb. 16. Negotiations are still proceeding between the Chinese and British Governments for a settlement of the Kowloon issue, and according to a British Embassy spokesman this morning "various suggestions have been put forward and it is hoped that a settlement will be reached within the next few days."

A Chinese Foreign Office spokesman would neither confirm nor deny that the negotiations had reached this "optimistic stage" but added he hopes this to be the case.

Collision In The Thames

London, Feb. 15. The Russian motor vessel Delta (300 tons) collided with Battersea Bridge across the river Thames early today.

The Delta suffered damage to the wheelhouse and the upper bridge and funnel ventilators were all raked to the deck level.

The steering gear was rendered useless. The master of the vessel was injured and detained in hospital, his wife being treated for shock.

Battersea Bridge suffered damage to the ironwork.—Reuter.

Oldest Serving Soldier

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 16. THE OLDEST SERVING SOLDIER AND THE HIGHEST PAID PRIVATE IN THE BRITISH ARMY BOTH ARRIVED AT LIVERPOOL YESTERDAY FROM INDIA.

The oldest soldier was 75-year-old Private William Forcut. He joined the Essex Regiment in 1893 and will now be demobilised for the third time in his career — to become a Chelsea Pensioner.

He has been abroad 54 years. He fought in the Boer War, and the 1914-1918 War, and served in the Madras A.R.P. in the last war. His old Regiment signed him on again last August for the journey home.

The highest paid private is 42-year-old Robert Moss of the Green Howards, formerly of Steelwood Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who got £45 a month in India because he has 11 children.—Reuter.

China To Barter For Food?

Nanking, Feb. 15. The semi-official Central Daily News said China may resort to barter in order to keep her rice bowls filled.

Quoting a "responsible official," the newspaper said plans are underway to set up a barter system for trading soybeans, bristles, tungoil and tea for foodstuffs to meet heavy domestic requirements.

The same report said the Chinese Government is seeking additional grants of food from international sources in order to supplement the already substantial American commitments in wheat and rice.

Domestically, the report said, controls will be intensified over food distribution, and speculation with the reopening of the 16-

Communists Close In On Anshan

Nanking, Feb. 16. The Communists attacking the steel city of Anshan, about 60 miles south of Mukden, have driven within one mile of the town after overwhelming defences in the western suburbs. Fighting of equal intensity is taking place at Tangchiang, about five miles to the south, pro-Government dispatches from Mukden reported today.

Despite intense bombings by Nationalist Air Force planes braving inclement weather, large forces of Reds are attacking Anshan in waves, the reports said.

While Communist troops of the sixth and eighth columns are pounding the gates of Anshan from the north, south and west, the main strength of the fourth column, poised for action in the area to the north-east, is also expected to join in the fight for the final thrust.

From the Mukden area, Nationalist heavy artillery kept bombarding other Communist forces pushing towards the Manchurian city from the north-west in synchronized action with the Anshan battle.

The Communist 10th Division, which was driven back to the north bank of the Liao River in a sharp but local Nationalist counter-attack yesterday morning, returned to the south bank last night accompanied by the Communist 3rd Division. This combined force, numbering some 20,000 men, is reported in pro-Government dispatches reaching Shanghai to have advanced almost within sight of Mukden.

One Kungming newspaper in Shanghai said that they are at present attacking Nationalist positions only 10 miles west of Mukden. Fighting in this sector was characterised by a heavy artillery which again brought the sound of gunfire within the city of Mukden. Nationalist warplanes are also furiously strafing and bombing the Red attackers.

Herklots To Be H.K. Delegate

Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, Secretary for Development, is to represent Hong Kong at discussions on Far Eastern fisheries problems to be held at Baguio, Philippines Islands, this month.

The following questions are to be discussed at the inter-governmental meetings, arranged by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations:

(a) Far Eastern nutrition—Feb. 23/24;
(b) Formation of a regional council for the study of South East Asia—Feb. 21/22;
(c) Technical and administrative problems of rice production and distribution—March 1/11.

The United Kingdom delegation to (a) and (c) will consist of Air Commodore Ridley and Mr. G. Clyde together with Miss M. W. Grant as observer. Mr. G. Clyde is also representative on nutrition. Dr. Clyde will also represent His Majesty's Government at (b). Dr. Herklots will attend (a) and (b) as adviser to the United Kingdom delegation.

At the same time as the first two conferences there will be held discussions on Far Eastern fisheries problems at which Mr. G. L. Keen, Regional F.A.O. representative, will attend. Dr. Herklots will represent Hong Kong at these discussions.

The following members of the staff of Lord Killearn, Special Commissioner Far East Asia, will attend and arrived in Hong Kong yesterday: Dr. Clyde, Dr. Lucius Nicholas (Nutrition Adviser), Dr. H. W. Jack (Agricultural Adviser).

Republican Split May Hold Up Europe Aid Plan

Washington, Feb. 15. A major split inside the Republican Party is regarded here as a major threat to speedy approval of the Marshall Plan by the Senate.

March has now been fixed as the definite date for the opening of the debate on the plan.

On Tuesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected formally and unanimously to approve the bill calling for the full four and a quarter year programme and \$5,300 million for the first 12 months of the programme.

Mr. Marshall and his State Department officials are well satisfied with this version of the programme and have no radical objections to the changes in the original plan which Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has made.

While obtaining remarkable unanimity among his committee, Senator Vandenberg has failed to win the backing of other leaders of his party and the coming debate is expected to develop into a major clash of personalities.

Russians Mining Pitchblende

Frankfurt, Feb. 15. The Russians have started to work new mines in Polish-occupied Silesia for uranium-bearing pitchblende, a correspondent of the American Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" claimed today, quoting "authoritative sources" here.

Frankfurt is the seat of the European Command of the United States Army.

According to the report, the mines are situated along the Czech border, running about 123 miles east of Zittau, in Saxony. Apparently they are an outward extension of the pitchblende mines in the Erzgebirge Mountains, where uranium mining has previously been reported in progress.

After extensive searches by Russian and German experts, the report claims work was started

In Which We Swim



Over her arms is a covered, wrap matching her shoes. In the rest, Fashion dictates, she is to swim.

Oscar Awards Announced

Hollywood, Feb. 16. The film capital's first two movies about anti-Semitism, "Crossfire" and "Gentleman's Agreement," shared the lion's share of the 1947 nominations announced by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences today.

"Gentleman's Agreement," the 20th Century-Fox version of the best seller about a magazine writer who pretends he is a Jew, was listed in all but one of the six major classes.

Performances in the picture brought Gregory Peck, the nomination of the best actor, Dorothy McGuire, the best actress, and Anne Revere the best supporting actress. The movie also was one of five nominees as the best picture.

"Crossfire," RKO's story of a man who was murdered because he was Jew, won a spot in the movie race. Director Edward Dmytryk was nominated as a co-winner. "Miracle on 34th Street" and "The Best of the Best" were also nominated.

Other nominations for the best picture of the year were "A Double Life," John Garfield ("Possessed"), Susan Hayward ("Smash Up"), Rosalind Russell ("Mourning Becomes Electra") and Loretta Young ("The Farmer's Daughter").—United Press.

The Weather

General situation—A moderate anticyclone covers north China, and is extending southwards and eastwards. A depression centred near Tokyo is moving north-east and deepening. Pressure gradients are slight over the China sea and the Philippines.

Forecast:—Light variable winds, freshening from the north-east during the day. Mainly cloudy, with morning mist. Becoming cooler.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 74.7 deg. F. Minimum: 62.0 deg. F. Rainfall: Nil. Wind: S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h. at times. Average of 54.9 mm. = 2.16 in. Maximum at 10.4 mm. = 0.41 in. at 10.4 m. Baro. at sea level: 1016.3 m.b. at 10.4 m. Sea level: 1016.3 m.b. at 10.4 m. Humidity: 64% at 10.4 m. Dew Point: 64.0 deg. F. Wind Direction: S.W. Wind Force: 10 to 15 m.p.h. at times.

BULLETS FLY AS CLANS BATTLE

A 100-year-old, smouldering feud between two Chinese clans exploded on Saturday night on the outskirts of Canton and continued into the following day, according to train passengers arriving in Kowloon on Sunday.

The ensuing duel with firearms across the railway track delayed Sunday's first Kowloon-bound express train from Canton for more than two hours.

After leaving the Canton terminus on Saturday morning, the express was halted at Kowloon station, about 15 kilometres from the Kwangtung capital as a precautionary measure. Ahead, a brisk exchange of rifle and machine-gun fire, across the railway track, was in progress.

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Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 19th February, 1948.

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COMMUNISM IN FAR EAST

Washington Plan For 'Holding Action' Concentrating On Aid For Europe

Washington, Feb. 16. Administration officials believe the United States can do little more than engage in "holding action" against Communism in the Far East during the next three or four years while pursuing the actual Marshall plan strategy of political-economic warfare against the spread of Communism in Europe. The Administration plans in this respect are confirmed by well-informed sources who assert that such holding action in Asia will of necessity be pivoted on Japan and possibly Korea with no really effective attempts at basic aid for China.

POLICE NOTICE

POLICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ARRIVAL IN THE COLONY OF REAR ADMIRAL HAROLD M. MARTIN OF UNITED STATES NAVY ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEB. 1948.

1. ARRIVAL

Rear Admiral Harold M. Martin of United States Navy is expected to arrive at Queen's Pier at 2.30 p.m.

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The following roads will be closed to vehicular traffic from approximately 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. depending on the exact time of arrival:-

A. Connaught Road Central from Queen's Building to junction with Jackson Road, northwest corner of Hong Kong Club.

B. Wardley Street from Queen's Statue to Connaught Road Central.

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The following car parks will be closed to motor traffic from approximately 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

A. Car parks in Wardley Street from Queen's Statue to Connaught Road Central.

B. Car Parks in Jackson Road.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1948.

It is admitted that this strategy could be altered if there occurs a drastic enough break in the bipartisan foreign policy to bring more emphasis on the importance of Asia in the Soviet-American "cold war". However, this way is not considered likely.

Officials admit that it was as a measure of appeasement to Republican to keep the bipartisan foreign policy intact that Secretary of State George C. Marshall agreed to submit an aid plan for China this year.

No Real Effect

However, Gen. Marshall and Department officials are reliably reported to feel that the \$570,000,000 which they will ask Congress for China aid for 15 months will be of no real effect in alleviating their country's ills. The official contention is that aid to China must be in overwhelming amounts to have any real effect.

Gen. Marshall was said to believe that while merely marginal assistance will put Europe back on its feet the United States would have to advance as much as 50 per cent of all China's needs to really restore economic and political stability there. For that reason the Administration is expected to provide no more aid for China during the next few years than it is pledged in order to keep the support of the Republican leaders.

Russia

Several relatively unpublicized vents of recent months have indicated that the Administration has reluctantly arrived at the decision that no settlement with Russia is possible in the Far East pending the outcome of the cold war with Russia in Europe.

One of these was the decision to abandon indefinitely plans for transferring civil administration in Japan and Korea from the army to the State Department. This had been contemplated last year when Secretary of State George Marshall still had hopes of securing Soviet agreement to an early Japanese peace treaty and early agreement on Korea's future. Both of these hopes have been abandoned for the foreseeable future.

The lack of attention the Japanese

SOVIET EYES ON BALTIC

London, Feb. 15. Anbalt, a small desolate island between Denmark and Sweden, which "constitutes the most convenient point from which control over the sea roads through the Danish Straits can be established," has become a "centre for American tourists," according to the Soviet Army papers, Red Star, quoted by Moscow Radio today.

An airfield was planned on the island, the report added.—Reuter.

peace treaty is receiving at high levels here is evidenced by the fact that the United States has not yet answered the Chinese note of last November regarding the procedure for holding a Japanese peace conference.

Repeating Old Mistake?

The only plans now being worked out concerning Japan and Korea are those concerning small scale economic aid which is designed to make those countries less of a burden on American taxpayers.

The Administration's decision to "wait out" the Russians in the Far East, holding the present position in Japan and Korea while concentrating on the defeat of Communism in Europe, is of course not popular with all officials here. Some of them, remembering that it was the United States preoccupation with European affairs in the 1940s that enabled Japan to prepare for Pearl Harbor with impunity, would like to see greater attention devoted to Asia in foreign policy planning.

However, this group is at present in the minority and admits that it sees no chance of a change of the Administration policy for a considerable time, if at all.—United Press.

CZECH STRIKE

Prague, Feb. 15. M. Antonin Zapotocky, Communist Chairman of the Czechoslovak Trade Union Congress, announced tonight that a token strike would be called to show that workers were prepared to fight for their claims. He believed no actual struggle would prove necessary. The claims would be made known at a meeting in Prague on Feb. 29, he said.—Reuter.

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Salaries to office staff and wages to coolies and amahs amounted for \$10,982 of the total expenditure of \$39,388.62. Other heavy items of expenses incurred were in connection with the garden (\$5,135), coal and electricity (\$4,821.12), printing and stationery (\$3,795.67) and the swimming pool (\$3,240.60).

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MALAYAN MINORITY RESTIVE

Grave Situation In Southern Siam

Bangkok Despatch Of Troops

Singapore, Feb. 16.—The Straits Times said today that the Siamese army is rushing reinforcements to four southern Siamese provinces because of a "grave situation" among the Malay minority of 700,000.

The despatch, written from Kuala Lumpur, capital of the Malayan Federation, said it was believed there that "the troops were dispatched by Siam as a police measure."

"The Siamese probably are at present attempting to quash any possibility of revolt, although an armed revolt seems highly improbable," the article said. Latest reports from Northern Malaya had indicated reinforced Siamese army forces had taken up positions along the Siamese-Malayan border and that troops in other parts of Siam had been alerted.

Suspense And Fear

The paper described the Malays in South Siam as being "in a state of continual suspense and fear," especially the Moslems. Many refugees, it said, have been crossing into British Malaya since Jan. 16 from the Southern Siamese provinces—Patani, Yala, Setul and Narathivas.

These four provinces were formerly independent Malay states. Malay nationalists have been accusing the Siamese of "persecution."

The Times quoted a reliable spokesman at Kuala Lumpur as saying Siam had made new arrests.

Warning By Stern Gang

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15.—THE STERN GANG TODAY WARNED MEMBERS OF FOREIGN CONSULATES IN JERUSALEM BY LETTER THAT THEY WOULD BE TREATED AS "FOES AND SPIES" IF THEY EXPLOIT THEIR DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY TO HELP THE ARABS.

The letters accused unnamed members of the consular corps of abusing their immunity.

"In its communications to the Consulates-General of Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen, the Stern Gang threatened the rulers of the Middle East Countries, where anti-Jewish demonstrations have taken place, that if the attacks against Jews continue, the rulers will be tried as murderers and punished."

The letters said that Arab mosques were being used as snipers' posts and the Stern Gang would regard such mosques as military objectives.—Reuter.

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THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, DARLING—BUT I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU ALL THE SAME

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Hollywood May Be In For A Shock

Washington, Feb. 15.—The structure of America's film industry may be shaken to its foundations—and a big new chance to British and other foreign competition—by a Supreme Court decision due to be made shortly.

The case before them is the 10-year-old Government action under the anti-trust laws, aimed at breaking up the virtual monopoly held by the five major companies and three minor ones over motion picture distribution and showing.

Two years ago, a New York court decided in favour of the Government but an appeal was made to the Supreme Court. The companies concerned are Paramount, Loew's Incorporated, R.K.O., Warner Brothers and 20th-Century-Fox, and the lesser firms, Columbia Pictures Corporation, Universal Corporation and United Artists Corporation.

Together, these own over 3,000 theatres and control the distribution of the vast majority of the pictures produced in this country.

The key point in the Government argument is that no theatre can operate successfully at present without access to the substantial number of pictures which these companies distribute, and no independent producer can succeed without access to the substantial number of key-theatres which these companies control.

TELEVISION IN THE WAY

London, Feb. 15.—The television sound programme from Alexandra Palace is interfering with the standard beam approach reception of planes flying in the London area, according to the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

In a warning notice to pilots and navigators, the Ministry said: "It may be unsafe to navigate aircraft in accordance with received SBA signals unless such signals are very strong compared with interfering television signals."

The Ministry explains that the warning does not imply any fault with the television transmission or with the standard beam approach equipment.—Reuter.

POP

"NOW—IS—THE TIME FOR US—TO SAY GOOD BYE"

"YOU'VE SAID IT—"

"I ONLY CAME DOWN HERE FOR A CHANGE OF AIR"

OPEN REVOLT THREATENED

Singapore, Feb. 15.—Siam has recently sent reinforcements to her garrisons in the southern provinces bordering Malaya in view of the threat of a possible "open revolt" by the Malay minority who wish to secede to the new Malayan Federation, according to the latest reports from Penang quoted by the Straits Times today.

The reports said that since the arrest in January of the Malay spiritual leader, Haji Sulong, further arrests had been made and many refugees had crossed the Malaya border which is now being heavily manned by Siamese troops.—Reuter.

Kiangwan Airport Drama

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16.—THREE AIR DISASTERS WERE NARROWLY AVERTED. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN THREE C.N.A.C. PLANES LANDED AT KIANGWAN AIRPORT BECAUSE LOW VISIBILITY MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO COME DOWN AT THE USUAL LANDING FIELD AT LUNGHUA.

The planes were brought in safely by the United States Navy radar-ground control approach system. The last plane landed at 5.20 p.m. carrying 18 passengers and had only eight gallons of gasoline left in the tanks. At the time of this landing the ceiling was 20 feet while visibility was about 250 yards.

It. O. F. Jarmon, officer in charge of the Navy ground control approach, brought down the CNAC pilot, Captain Leong, through the fog by voice radio, so he could make this successful landing with just a few minutes of gasoline left.

Altogether 52 passengers were landed at the Kiangwan field while Lunghua was completely fog-bound.

It may be recalled that under almost identical weather conditions on Christmas Day, 1946, Lunghua was the scene to three plane crashes within a few hours, taking a toll of over 70 lives.—Reuter.

Consulate's Version Of Registration

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—The British Consulate-General today confirmed the report that all British nationals north of the Yangtze River and east of the Sian-Hankow railway have been advised to register for possible evacuation in view of the unsettled conditions.

However, the Consulate-General said it was only a "suggestion" and paralleled the United States' recommendations to American missionaries and other nationals to be prepared to evacuate if the pressure of the Chinese Reds is too great.

The Consulate-General said circulars have been distributed to British Consulates in North China in which it was pointed out that since extraterritoriality had been given up, Britons would have to depend on the cooperation of the Chinese Government for evacuation if the need arose. It said it was a "precautionary measure taken by the British authorities for speedy evacuation of their nationals should the occasion demand."

It added that so far no definite plans have been made and it did not know how soon or when such a programme might have to be carried out.—United Press.

London, Feb. 16.—The Naval Prize account of the Admiralty Division of the High Court, now issued, shows a credit balance of £3,220,209.—Reuter.

Dev Faces Trouble

Dublin, Feb. 15.—The Eire Premier, Mr. Eamon de Valera, will face the strongest opposition to his leadership since he took office 16 years ago when Eire's new Parliament meets next Wednesday to elect a Prime Minister.

No declaration has been made by the combined Opposition parties but it is understood that Mr. John Costello, 55-year-old Attorney General of the former Cosgrave Government and a member of the Fine Gael Party—the strongest Opposition group—has been approved as the most acceptable head of a coalition.

Mr. de Valera will have nothing to do with the coalition, but he and his 67 followers believe that they will hold the reins of government with the support of five National Labour members and some Independents.—Reuter.

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BIRTH

RAMAGE—To Lea, wife of C. S. Ramage, a son, at Kowloon Hospital on Monday, 16th Feb. 1948, both well.

LET'S MAKE A BEGINNING

The spectacle of Singapore preparing to hold elections in April in order to bring into being a municipal organisation conforming to the new constitutional scheme for Malaya awakens memory to the fact there was once a general impression that plans were afoot to grant a 'greater measure of self government' to the people of Hong Kong to take the form of a Municipal Council, popularly elected.

That, of course, is merely a roundabout way of voicing the opinion that unless something is soon done about setting up the proposed Municipal Council, it may become necessary to explain to all and sundry, in close detail once again, what it is all about.

Nearly two years have elapsed since Sir Mark Young arrived in Hong Kong with a special mandate for constitutional reform. Nearly eighteen months have elapsed since his recommendations were sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for his approval. Nearly ten months have passed since the final scheme (in broad principle) was published in the Colony.

The absence of demonstration of public enthusiasm such as have recently marked the transfer of power in Ceylon from the Colonial Office to the local inhabitants were, perhaps, conspicuous. But public apathy alone affords no excuse for the delay since it has been axiomatic from the beginning that in Hong Kong the process of instilling a sense of civil consciousness must inevitably be long and tortuous, and that it might even be accepted as necessary that the 'beginning' should be made at the wrong end, and democratic ideas be introduced in concrete form without enquiring too deeply as to whether the Colony could justly be described as completely ready for them.

Part of the explanation for the delay appears to reside in the difficulty that has been experienced in obtaining a suitable candidate for the key appointment of Town Clerk. There appears to be a sharp conflict of view over the appropriate scale of salary, between what Hong Kong considers it can afford to pay and what will attract a competent local government expert in the United Kingdom, having regard to the principle condition, that the appointment is one for two years and no longer in the first instance.

There can be little patience with procrastination on this account. For a two year appointment of this type, an officer who has recently retired from a Town Clerkship in England would seem to be the ideal, for he would have both a long practical experience behind him, and no anxieties about his future.

Nor does this admittedly pertinent issue explain failure to implement the constitutional reform proposals in respect of the Legislative Council. There is nothing, as far as we know, which insists that the one measure shall precede the other; or even that the one is dependent upon the other. In the view of many, the creation of an unofficial majority in Legislative Council could be of more immediate practical benefit to the taxpayer than all the privileges to be conceded to the proposed 'Municipal' Council under the new constitution. Let us then cultivate our garden—where we can.



THEY HOPE TO LIVE IN THE WHITE HOUSE

By John Drummond

On April 12, 1946, Harry Shippey stepped into the White House almost unnoticed as the shock of F.D.R.'s death numbed the world. When people got around to seeing who had become President they found a little man from Missouri of whom they had scarcely heard.

They soon did get to hear about him and today, when he has been President for exactly two years and nine months, he has behind him a record of legislation in the face of a hostile Senate which is a testimony to the forces which lie hidden beneath his disarming and naive exterior—his tremendous capacity for work, his wide mental grasp, his power of conciliation and his great courage.

At 63 he will go to the country next November as Democratic candidate, fighting it. His latest medical report would make many a man ten years younger feel envious. Blood pressure between 120/80 and 125/80. Heart: excellent. Weight: 128 lb. Overall condition: "Very excellent."

Sometimes the man who had had the mantle of greatness dropped over his shoulders so unexpectedly wishes he could go back to Missouri and rest. He likes to think that, although he is a big man in Washington, back home in Missouri he is Harry Truman—"just a farmer who happens to be a President." Recently he renewed his membership in the Kansas City Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing.

With his grey hair whitening slightly, Harry Truman, the holder, faces two battles in the coming months—he must fight a Marshall Plan intact through heavy opposition and he must face the contenders from that opposition for his office.

A factor in Truman's favour is that the Republicans are divided. So far, and not counting the "outer fringe," there are three in the field: Robert Taft, of Ohio, who started the battle; Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York, who came within 3,000,000 votes of defeat.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

The terrible mortality at present going on among the troops, and the comparative exemption from disease of every other section of the community, are grave facts, deserving careful consideration. Every man, according to the best of his mind, without indeed enquiring into the truth upon which conviction is founded, finds a cause for the prevalence of disease in the barracks—some in their position, or their construction; others in the presumed intemperance habits of the men, or in the influence of their night duties.

We are of opinion that more importance is to be attached to the public to the intemperance habits of the men than to the influence of their night duties. An occasional excess, like that committed by the regiment when on shore, is much less harmful than the daily indulgence of bad spiritsuous liquors short of intoxication. In the first case, the evil works its own remedy by the revulsion which it produces in the system; in the latter, it is a slow poison, operating steadily and stealthily, first depraving the functions, depressing vital energy, and lastly, establishing organic change and disease.

Amongst infantry soldiers, and indeed among other classes above them in position, no offence against morality is thought to exist in connexion with intemperance which comes short of absolute intoxication; and that the otherwise orderly conduct, or even religious bias of a man, may be guaranteed that he excels the vice of habitual indulgence. The liberal supply of good beer and sound wine, at the lowest possible charge, at the barracks, together with the judicious encouragement and promotion of temperance societies which exclude only the use of spirits, will be the safest and surest bulwarks.

Next November when the United States votes for a new President—or decides to keep its present one, the issue that will decide who occupies the White House is American aid for Europe, a term that now means far more than food for the hungry. The domestic issue is momentous enough—inflation—but post-war America has learned to look beyond her own shores, and inflation comes second to making the world safe from Communism.

ing Roosevelt in 1944; and the youthful Harold Stassen, once Governor of Minnesota, with his "true Liberalism" policy.

'Able and Wrong'

All three are formidable. Robert Taft, son of the 27th President of the United States, the man who has "reached more wrong decisions more ably" than any other man in public life in America, is a Conservative. He is an opponent of the Marshall Plan in many of its details, not surprising since he was once an isolationist. He voted against Lend-Lease, he called the Nuremberg trials "a miscarriage of justice," and yet in November last year he was saying that he favoured further American help for Britain "by whatever extent one nation can really help another nation to solve its difficulties." Some of his fellow Republicans call him "sheer and cantankerous." Taft himself considers that he is the best man for the job of President.

Tom Dewey, now 45, serving his second term as Governor of New York, went West last summer, ostensibly on a visit to his wife's family in Oklahoma, in reality to find how the people of the Middle West would feel about him as President.

Short, stocky, cautious, a lover of children and a hater of ruckmakers, Tom Dewey was well known as the "racket buster" ten years ago when as District Attorney he dived into the corruption that surrounded New York Labour's political set-up, and emerged with Jack (Legs) Diamond and Charles (Lucky) Luciano between his teeth under this square little black moustache.

A Cry Of 'Wolf!'

Just before Christmas Harold Stassen, baldish, 40, blue-eyed and 6ft. tall, tossed a firecracker into the White House when he accused the Government of deli-

berately withholding information about dealings in commodity markets by persons within the Government.

Stassen served as a Lt.-Col. in the U.S. Navy during the war, and he will get a good many ex-Service votes. His policy—the "Stassen Plan"—is as yet unrevealed, but he has made a good many enemies in his own camp with his anti-isolationist stand.

So much for Democrats and Republicans—the Right and the Centre. What about the Left? That brings us to Henry Wallace, and Henry Wallace has a third party—a "Oleoin's Army" that is backed by the Communist Party, and Communists in America are as popular just now as toothache. But Wallace, once Vice-President, is the only candidate who is openly opposed to "foreign entanglements," and he might get votes from the considerable section of the community who believe that America should stay out of Europe.

Invalid Boy Hero

MARGATE, FEB. 15. A FREE HOLIDAY AT CLIFTONVILLE, KENT, HAS BEEN OFFERED TO VICTOR RAYMOND, 18-YEAR-OLD LUTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL BOY, WHO PASSED THE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION WHILE ILL IN BED, THUS HELPING HIS SCHOOL TO BREAK THEIR RECORD OF PASSES.

The invitation is from Mr. and Mrs. Sharples of Cliftonville who wrote to Victor's mother at Luton saying they were making the offer "because of the heroism on which the school during his affliction—the sort of heroism on which the British Empire has been built."

Victor is in Northampton Hospital where, fighting spinal disease, he is strapped to a frame able to move only his head, arms and feet. He may be there another year, but in the meantime he is studying for his bachelor of science degree in the hope of becoming a commercial chemist.—Reuter.

KING PETER IN LONDON

London, Feb. 15. King Peter of Yugoslavia arrived here by air from Paris on a private visit.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

BAD USE FOR REDOUBLE

Redoubling over an opponent's informative or takeout double is never done by good players nowadays just because they think the contract will be easy to make. They do it only when they have enough general strength to consider there is a good chance to beat some contract attempted by the doubler himself. When their hand consists mainly of a splendid fit with their partner's suit, without much defensive strength in other suits, they usually try to erect a barrier against the hostile bidding. They do it by raising the doubled suit to whatever level seems justified, sometimes to two, sometimes to three, sometimes to four. That makes it tough for the presumably stronger side to exchange the information which could bring about its most desirable contract.

S. K. J. 5
H. J. 9
D. J. 10 3
C. J. 10 5 4
S. Q. 10 6 2
H. A. K. 8 6
D. 8
C. K. Q. 7 2
S. 9 8 3
H. 5 3 2
D. K. 9 7 5 2
C. A 6
(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable.)
West North East
Pass Pass 1 D. Obl
Rdbl 1 H. Pass 2 H
4 D. 4 H

North properly passed that to see if South wanted to double or sacrifice, since he had told his own story with the opening bid on a hand which was only a very bare

Tomorrow's Problem

S. K. 8 6
H. A. J. 9 3
D. 2
C. A. K. Q. 10
S. Q. 10
H. K. Q. 6 4
D. 10 8 7
C. 3
S. J. 9 7 4 5
H. A
D. A 4
C. 9 8 6 4
(Dealer: North, South-South vulnerable.)
If both defenders had bid diamonds, why should West's opening lead of the club 3 tell South how he must play to make 7-Spades?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Another thing—no don't believe in loading you down with a lot of accessories!"

Now For The U.S. Of Africa!

By Frank Owen

NOW for the U.S. of Africa! There is one word on the lips of all our urgent, adventurous young men (and in the hearts of our older, matured men)—Africa.

As the acreage of the British Empire shrinks, through premature surrender, we begin to understand what happened in 1919, when the victory of Versailles broke up the old Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Before then Vienna was the keystone of a great imperial agglomeration. Afterwards, Vienna became a capital city without a country, a land-harbour without a hinterland. So, in 1938 Hitler's tanks rolled unopposed into that two-by-four State. The only casualties in the rape of Austria were the road accidents of the Panzer Corps.

Today Stalin has set his heel on the necks of the Czechs, the Hungarians, the Austrians, the Croats, and the Poles who once formed the old Austro-Hungarian Empire.

I doubt if the customers like it half so well. I doubt, too, if either the people of Britain or of Africa would find things better if, in 1948, we should part company with one another, strictly in the interests of democracy and what-have-you.

Cecil Rhodes

Sixty years ago Cecil Rhodes, a statesman in his time as towering in vision and courage as Churchill or Roosevelt in our day, foresaw that the future of the British Empire largely lay in Africa.

Rhodes fought for the All-Red Route (British Empire Red) up the east coast from the Cape to Cairo. He also wanted an African Federation in which the Native Peoples would increasingly take part. Rhodes, the Imperialist, was a genuine friend of the Black Man.

For historic reasons he failed in his own generation to convince his countrymen what he was about.

They know now! Legend says he died murmuring: "So much to do; so little time to do it." More likely the story that he said to his last friend at the bedside: "Have another drink, and roll me over on my side." (He) suffered agony from his heart.

There is just time still to do what this truly great Englishman planned.

Send the finest and strongest of our race South to make a new granary and power-house for Britain; to make a New Deal for the Coloured Folk of Africa, who sent us so many valiant soldiers in the time of war; to make a greater United States of Africa.

"Shame"

This prospect has not escaped the attention of Messrs. Attlee and Co. It is true that as long ago as Cecil Rhodes, and most of the time since, the Labour Party has been engaged in (a) apologising for the existence of the British Empire; and (b) proposing to dismember it. As recently as 1938 Sir Stafford Cripps, whenever he thought of it, had to "hide his head in shame."

Now a change of heart has come. Sir Stafford is today as enthusiastic as Mr. Leo Amery about Africa. However belated, the congregation of the Commonwealth should welcome it. For the proselyte often makes the best missionary.

If to the deep and sincere desire for social justice which animates so many a Labour supporter there is wedded a sense of—and a belief in—imperial solidarity which animates so many a Tory we shall start "going places."

That is why this week we can read with such real pleasure the Review of Progress issue by the Government on their East Africa Groundnuts Scheme.

The plan is to harvest groundnuts from more than 3,000,000 acres in East Africa. The first operation was to clear 150,000 acres of bush and scrub in Tanganyika.

More than 400 heavy tractors are already on the job. Tanks are going to be adapted for the heaviest of all the tasks—hauling up the roots of the great trees. Thousands of men are busy now building railways, building ports, deepening channels.

All this is heartening news. But it must be qualified by the criticism that the enterprise is not going WELL ENOUGH or FAST ENOUGH.

Too Many Cooks

Too many Ministers have got a finger in this pie: Food, Colonies, Transport, Supply, Board of Trade, Exchequer. It should be handed over to one man, at least for Supreme Command. Is there a Rhodes in the House?

For it is not only in East Africa that we need to press ahead. From East Africa in due course we get abundant coconuts, cotton, coffee, tea, sugar, and sisal.

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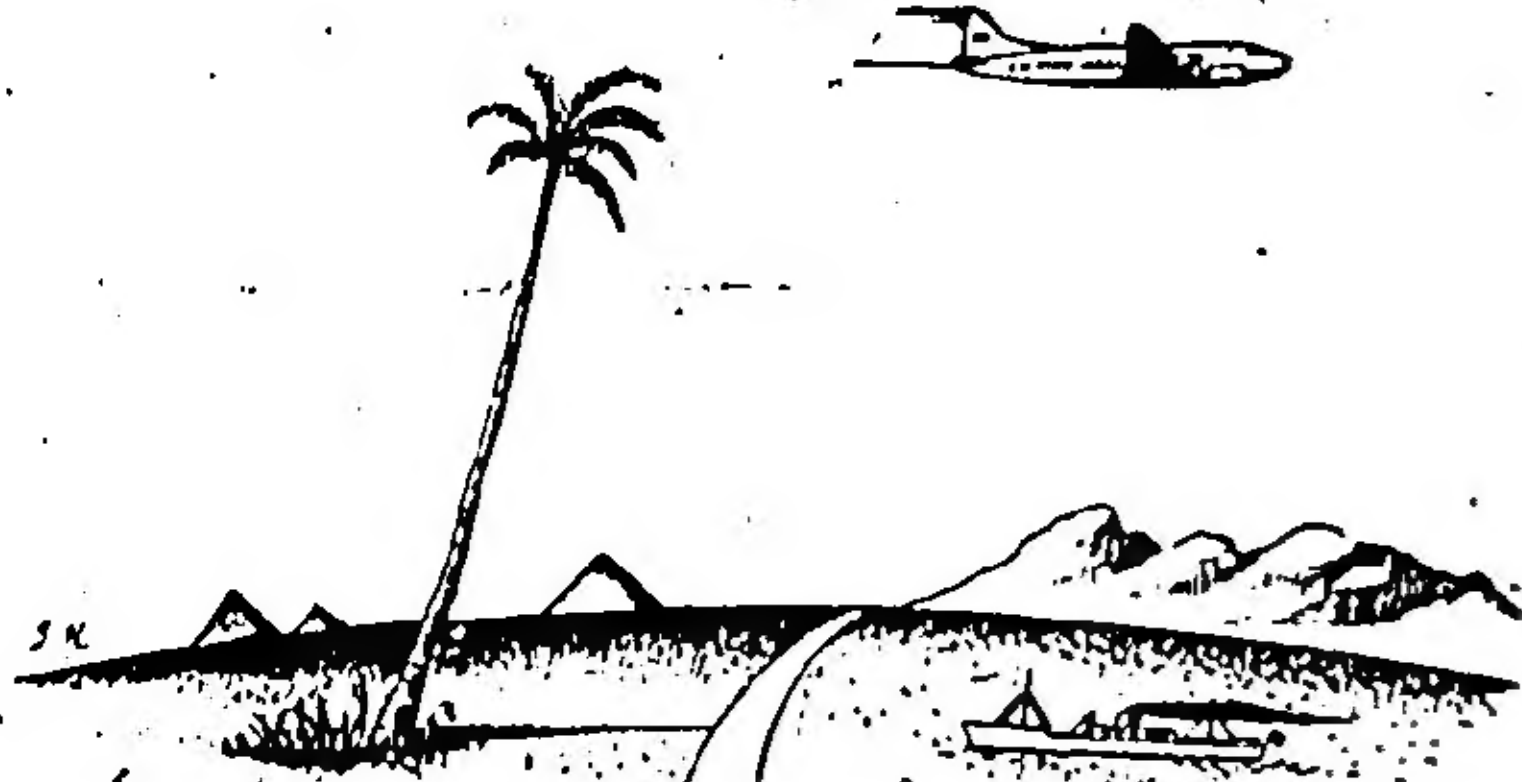
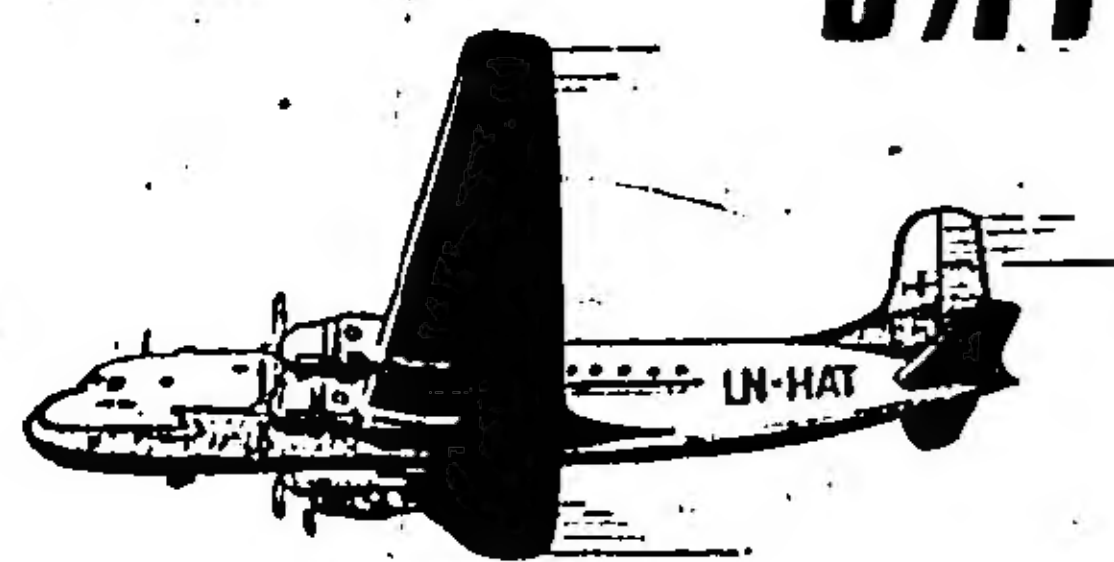
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For there are other nations there besides ourselves: the French, the Belgians, the Portuguese, also the Spaniards. (Continued on Page 7.)

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ANGLO-U.S. MOVE IN GREECE

Generals To Join Defence Council

Significant Step Announced

Athens, Feb. 16.

The chiefs of the American and British military missions in Greece have joined the Greek National Defence Council, an official announcement said today.

Previously they were only observers at the Council, which directs the warfare against the Communist-led guerrillas.

An announcement issued after a two-hour meeting between the heads of the Greek Government and U.S. and British diplomatic officials said "a clear definition of relationships between the Greek Government and the American and British missions" was agreed upon.

The step was seen as preventing further political moves such as the recent resignation of Lt. Gen. Constantine Ventris as Commander of Greece's northern army.

Best Soldier

Both Major General S. B. Rawlins, the British military chief, and Major-General William G. Livesay, head of the American military mission, protested vigorously against acceptance of Ventris' resignation. They described him as "the best soldier in Greece."

Premier Themistokles Sophoulis and Vice-Premier Constantinos Tsaldaris refused to consider the protests, saying Ventris' resignation had already been accepted. Ventris was given credit for defeating the guerrillas last December in their effort to capture Kifissos as a capital for a Greek Communist state.

Significant

The new announcement means that Major General James A. Van Fleet, who is coming to Greece to head the U.S. military group, will be a member of the Defence Council.

As such he will have a voice in the fight against the guerrillas and composition of the army. General Van Fleet has been named Commander of all American Army, Air and Navy forces assigned to the Greek aid mission.

Cards Are Now On The Table

Vienna, Feb. 15.

The Chancellor, Dr. Leopold Figl, said in a speech here today that the hopes of Austria getting her peace treaty were greater than ever.

Commenting on the forthcoming conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers, deputies in London next Friday, Dr. Figl said: "One of the partners has this time put his cards on the table, so that the game can now begin."

"Austria must find in the treaty real sovereignty and conditions essential to guarantee economic vitality. If the treaty does not guarantee these conditions, it will not be worth the paper it is written on."

The Chancellor said it was obvious that Austria's economy would not be able to produce 450,000,000 in two years—the amount of the Soviet reparations claims—but he hoped that Russia would moderate her demands.

Basic Steps Towards A "True Submarine"

Washington, Feb. 16.

The U.S. Navy tonight announced a programme to streamline a number of fleet submarines as the first basic step toward the design and construction of the "true submarine." The true submarine, according to theory, would be a vessel completely self-sufficient under water, without having to come to surface for fuel or air. No one has ever been able to build one.

The streamlining consists of stepping up underwater speed and range of an undischarged number of subs with alterations that have already proved successful on four other submarines.

Many countries attempted to build the true submarine and Germany came closest to it during World War II with the famous Schnorkel breathing tube.

In remodelling the submarines, the U.S. Navy will use an improved version of this tube which enables the sub to stay under water until fuel runs out.

The U.S. Navy said it will increase underwater speeds of the

General Downs

The representation of the American and British missions on the Council will be equal, the announcement stressed.

The British representative will be Major General E. E. Downs, Commander of British troops in Greece who will become chief also of the British military training mission. General Rawlins has been recalled to London.

The agreement was seen as promoting harmony in the British, American and Greek military programme. Associated Press.

U.S. Navy And The Atomic Bomb

Pearl Harbour, Feb. 16.

Admiral Dewitt C. Ramsey, USN, indicated strongly on Saturday the U.S. Navy is confident it can deliver a carrier-based plane capable of carrying the atomic bomb.

The Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, declined to say at a news conference, however, whether such a plane is yet flying.

"It is logical to assume," he said, "that we are ready to take advantage of any possible adaptation of any kind of weapon for use in our planes, whether shore-based or carrier-based."

The U.S. Navy disclosed in Washington recently it was planning a mammoth carrier, and speculation arose at the time it would be designed to carry planes armed with the atomic bomb.

"Naval aviation is forward looking," said the Admiral, who is one of the U.S. Navy's top aviators, "and the atomic bomb is just another bomb."

So far as is known, the only plane able to carry the atomic bomb is the U.S. Air Force "Superfortress," which dropped those on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and in the first atomic bomb test at Bikini.

Ramsey said the U.S. Navy was experimenting with new types of weapons, including the launching of guided-missiles from submarines and ships, but he declined to go into details for security reasons. Associated Press.

ARCHBISHOP DEAD

Freiburg, Feb. 15.

Dr. Konrad Groeber, Archbishop of Freiburg, died here last night, aged 76.—Reuter.

POLLITT ON AID PLAN

Wigan, Feb. 15.

The British Communist Party will welcome any help the United States can give to Britain "providing it has no political conditions," Mr. Harry Pollitt, the Secretary General of the party, stated here today.

Mr. Pollitt, who was speaking in support of the Communist candidate in a bye-election, said they opposed the Marshall Plan "because they knew what it was."—Reuter.

Quake Panic In Peru

Silvina, Peru, Feb. 16.

A brief but violent earthquake rocked this town in Northern Peru today, causing at least one death and destroying the town church and a number of houses. Several were reported injured.

The quake lasted only eight seconds, but was of such intensity that the ancient walls of the church, which had withstood numerous earlier tremors, collapsed. The walls of a number of houses caved in.

A cloud of dust covered the town and the people, recalling last year's disastrous earthquakes in the area, fled to the open fields.—United Press.

Deafening Sounds Upset Them

Moscow, Feb. 15.

Many letters criticising Dmitri Shostakovich and other composers named in last week's condemnation by the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party of "formalistic and anti-popular trends" in music, are being published in the Soviet press.

"Shostakovich's creations never enjoyed success among the workers as it was impossible for a normal person to listen to this sophisticated collection of deafening sounds," a foreman at a dynamo factory wrote.

"Shostakovich is really incomprehensible to Soviet men and women," another letter said.—Reuter.

STEEL RECORD CLAIMED

Pittsburgh, Feb. 16.

Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation claims a world's speed record in test runs on its new cold strip mill at Allquippa, near here. The new mill rolls a paper-thin steel band 30 inches wide at a speed of 70 miles an hour.

The massive machinery weighs nearly 4,000 tons and is anchored in steel-reinforced concrete foundations. The product is a long thin steel band which becomes thimble after it is coated with pure tin.—Associated Press.

NOW FOR THE U.S. OF AFRICA!

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By one of history's happier flukes all are within the area of Western Europe also. They are adjacent houses—with an enormous adjacent back garden. Some Europeans still cannot see the possibilities of a joint development of a United Africa by a United Europe. But I will bet Sir Stafford's last dollar that the Americans can't. Why? They're busy in Liberia themselves at this exact moment.

I believe that the Americans want Europe and Africa to grow in strength and wealth. For the Americans are both a generous and a common-sense people.

I am flying to America tomorrow to find out more. I want to test how strong is the key which they hold to our own future fortune.

Madonna's Statue Phenomena

Rome, Feb. 15.

THE CATHOLIC ACTION NEWSPAPER QUOTIDIANO REPORTED CAUTIOUSLY TODAY ON A PURPORTED PHENOMENA OF "MOVING AND BREATHING" OF THE STATUE OF THE MADONNA ON THE CATHEDRAL OF ASSISI, WHICH HAS ATTRACTED MUCH PRESS ATTENTION AND THOUSANDS OF VISITORS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

The authoritative newspaper said religious officials maintained reserve concerning the reports, awaiting a scientific explanation of what thousands believed they saw as they looked up at the statue high on the front of the church of Santa Maria Degli Angeli.

Other newspapers, who sent correspondents from Rome to the native town of St. Francis, reported ever-growing crowds of pilgrims and townspeople gathering in the church square after darkness to view the "movements" of the statue since a group of youths first said they had seen the 24-foot replica of the Madonna "move and breathe" last Tuesday night.—United Press.

Transvaal Indians Inquiry

Johannesburg, Feb. 15.

The police today raided the offices of the Transvaal Indian Congress and the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council, in Durban.

The homes and surgeries of Dr. G. M. Naidoo, President of the Natal Indian Congress, and Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress, were also raided.

The raids lasted about an hour. The detectives carried search warrants authorising them to examine books and documents which might have a bearing on alleged offences committed under the Immigration and Riotous Assemblies Acts.

Indians in South Africa have organised passive resistance since the Asiatic Land Tenure Act was passed by the South African Government two years ago to regulate the occupation and acquisition of land by Indians in Natal Transvaal.

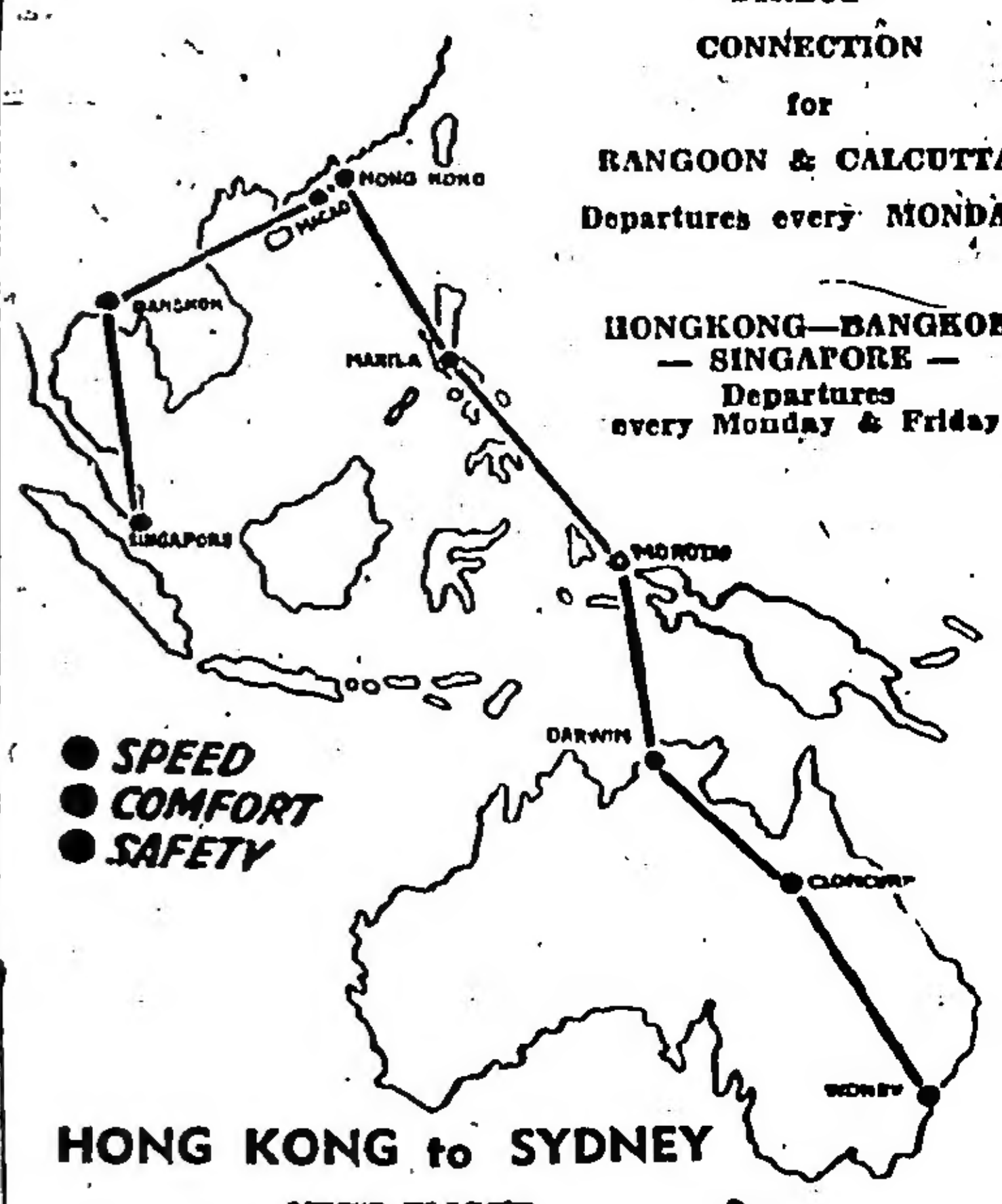
The Indians describe it as the "Ghetto Act."—Reuter.

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Woman Today

New Look Timing Was An Error

New York. Kay Wester, fashion writer for Cosmopolitan magazine, says she has been convinced that one thing most women of the new look is "New Look" styling—particularly to skirts that hung down to the calf.

This Autumn, she remarked in a Cosmopolitan article, "It was said that this new fashion was taking the New York wholesale market by storm. Storm indeed! A wind storm! Lots of conversation, no long dresses."

When first she saw manufacturers' collections for this coming Spring, she said: "The skirts were so long we were frantic." But when she asked a designer if selected dresses would be shortened, she said she got the reply: "Oh, naturally. You know, we are not shipping long dresses to most of the stores. Buyers tell us they can't sell them."

Miss Wester said that Ted Malone, a radio commentator, recently remarked "in a light

vein about the new long skirts" over the air. That was on Friday—"On the following Monday morning," she asserted "there were more than 12,000 letters of praise in his morning mail." Another such broadcast, and the postman brought in a much heavier batch of mail. The total, 97,432 letters.

"A careful study of the letters revealed that only five of every 3,000 had a good word for the new long skirts," Miss Wester declared. She listed these objections:

1.—"The timing of this fashion trend is 'diabolical'. It forces women to buy new clothes, throwing budgets out of line when the government is asking for conservation."

2.—"Long skirts (and extremely full skirts, coats and jackets) call for too much fabric at a time when Europe is in tatters."

3.—"Long skirts just cannot be worn by women who are chasing about after small children."

4.—"Long skirts, along with other style features, age women." A further comment in the mail was as follows: "Who on earth are the droopy dresses designed for? A short person looks like a gnome. A tall person looks like a skyscraper. A fat person looks like a tub—a thin person, like a beanpole." Associated Press.

Paris Begins To Slim

From JOYA BEGG

Paris is slimming down the New Look.

The spring fashion collections opened today with Lelong and Schiaparelli showing very little hip-padding in dresses and suits, with skirt fullness flattened in intricate pleats and drapery.

Coats show the hour-glass line most strongly, and many have big shawl collars. They are almost ankle-length.

Bright pink stockings that appear flesh-colored on the leg are worn by the mannequins.

Hats at Lelong are forward-tipping, with upturned brims showing the back hair.

At Schiaparelli sailor hats have risen rambling all over the face-veiling.



Mrs. J. H. Beattie, wife of Lieut. Col. Beattie, 25 Field Regiment, R.A., addressing those who attended the opening last week of the Services' Families Club at Whitfield Barracks. (China Mail photo).

FEEDING WITHOUT FUSS

By Dorothy Mohr

What is the matter with Mary Jane?

She's crying with all her might and main

And it's lovely rice pudding for dinner again

What is the matter with Mary Jane?

There are many different reasons why children don't enjoy their meals and often the trouble starts early in life.

For instance, in infancy; if the baby is bottle-fed there is a great temptation to hurry him. He seems to be dawdling, the mother has a dozen other things waiting to be done, so hurry him along. Then, later, when the child is spoon-fed, the same thing happens again. One spoonful is pushed in on top of another without allowing the child time even to chew properly. And the effect of this awful haste is the exact opposite of what the mother wants! The child resents being hurried, so gradually he learns to dislike mealtimes, even to dislike food, or he tries to force the pace his way and becomes slower and slower.

So the first rule of good feeding is: Let the child take his own time. Allow 20 to 30 minutes for the meal and then remove, without comment, what has not been eaten.

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Mr. T. A. Pearce and his bride, Miss Nina Quinn, after their marriage at St. John's Cathedral last week. (China Mail photo).

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Women Behind The World's Thrones

Keith Butler. Athens. "Before the war I used to be very obedient, but now—" said Greece's Queen Frederica to me, with a mischievous twinkle in her blue eyes, "I'm afraid I'm sometimes a little rebellious."

Her husband, King Paul, and her country, are lucky to have such an intelligent, charming and "rebellious" Queen. For it is when her people are suffering through the inefficiency, red tape or corruption of the authorities that she becomes rebellious.

Since King Paul succeeded to the throne on April 1, 1947, Queen Frederica has accompanied him on nearly all his long and exhausting tours over the unbelievably bad roads of their mountainous and war-torn Kingdom. She knows her country and her people's suffering better than most of the Athens politicians.

She has won the love and loyalty of soldiers and civilians alike to her husband and herself by her simple messages from the King.

With the help of his charming and sagacious wife, he is healing some of the old political wounds that have for long disfigured Greek life. He will yet rally his divided country where the politicians have failed.

"THAT WOMAN"

A. Rowland Thomas. Buenos Aires.

The most talked of personage in Argentina is Dona Maria Eva Duarte de Peron, wife of the President of the Republic. She is commonly referred to as "Evita" or "That woman"; it depends on who is doing the talking.

Beloved by the masses, whom she addresses as "Des-camisados" (Shirtless Ones)—her description of herself as

La "Primera Descamisada" might sound a little odd to English ears if translated.

She is President Peron's second wife, and at 27 years of age is exactly half his age. The Senora de Peron was a radio artist and her early training has contributed to her well modulated voice, heard increasingly in official broadcasts.

As First Lady of the land, she is indefatigable in her efforts to implement his programme for social justice of the working classes, for whom she holds open court daily in her special office.

MOTHER'S VOICE

John Roberts. Teheran.

The 28-year-old Shah of Persia, modern, vigorous and adventurous, loves to drive his golden Rolls-Royce at speed through the streets of Teheran or pilot his own Hurricane on a day trip to a distant town of his huge kingdom. But family ties mean more to him than all the pleasures that his high station can give.

His two sisters, his dark vivid twin, Princess Ashraf, and the older Princess Chams, occupy themselves with hard work for the social welfare of their country and live in that blaze of publicity that beats upon Royal deeds of charity.

But, in affairs of policy both home and foreign, the Shah turns for advice to his aged mother, Queen Essmat, widow of Reza Shah, Persia's man of iron, and the daughter of an army officer in whose unit her husband served when he was only a common soldier.

It is, indeed, whispered that his continual submission to her domineering personality was one of the reasons the Shah's beautiful wife, Queen Fawzieh, sister of King Farouk of Egypt, feeling her position in Persia to be that of a mere figurehead, went to visit her brother two years ago and has not yet returned.

THEY PROD HIM

Richard Hughes. Tokio.

Behind the weak, vacillating, slack-chinned figure of Emperor Hirohito of Japan stand two remarkable women—his aged, strong-willed mother, the Empress Dowager Sadako, and his plump, amiable wife, the former Princess Nagako.

Together, they have prodded him into more active acceptance of Western ideas, thrust him into closer personal contact with his 80,000,000 subjects, persuaded or driven him into the public glare from which he timorously shrinks, tried to implant and maintain some backbone in his apologetic, shrinking personality.

His mother encouraged him to resist the shocked Court nobles when, 25 years ago, he wanted to marry Princess Nagako, who was not a direct member of the Fujiwara family which, for 13 centuries, had been the only clan from which empresses of Japan might be selected.

She is still a dogmatic personality, who likes to meddle in Court politics, although she seldom appears in public.

Hirohito's wife now 48 (or 47, according to the Japanese, who reckon a child to be one year old at birth), has borne him two sons and five daughters. One of the girls died.

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BEATING IMMIGRATION LAW
Smuggling Of Aliens In South Africa
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And Indians

Johannesburg, Feb. 15.

A strict watch is being kept on all routes—by air, land and sea—leading into the Union of South Africa following reports that aliens are being smuggled into the country.

Hundreds of illegal immigrants, it is believed, are smuggled across the Union's borders every year.

The immigration authorities in Johannesburg have discovered two organisations engaged in smuggling illegal immigrants into the Union, one of which arranges exclusively for the entry of Indians from India and East Africa. The other has contacts in Yugoslavia, Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal and other European countries, intending illegal immigrants in these countries are said to arrange for shipping space to points more or less accessible to the Union whence agents smuggle their clients into the Union.

A fleet of lorries and cars is maintained in the Union and immigrants are carried to the Witwatersrand from neighbouring territories to which the aliens have contrived to make their way.

In Crates

According to information gleaned from the immigration authorities, illegal immigrants have arrived by train, while others are known to have hidden in banana crates in railway trucks.

The immigration authorities are doing their utmost to deal with the situation, but a shortage of staff is hampering the work of the department.

Many Indian babies are also being smuggled into the Union, large sums of money are involved in this traffic and it is known that as much as £500 a time has been paid.

Hundreds of Indian men and women have been returning to Africa, not only with their own infants, but with those of Indian merchants who desire that their children be brought up in Africa.

The suspicions of the authorities have been aroused because South African Indians have been going to India frequently for holidays and returning with infants. A more thorough check-up is now being considered.

Not New

An officer on board the liner Nampala, which docked in Durban from India recently with 370 South African Indians returning home to the Union, said: "The racket has been going on in East Africa for some time. We believe that it is also widespread among Indians returning to the Union."

Commenting on this, an immigration official said: "It is difficult to stop South African-born Indians from bringing babies into South Africa so long as they claim parentage and

MUFTI MEN WORRY REDS

Moscow, Feb. 15.

The Soviet Army newspaper Red Star alleged today that from 3,000 to 5,000 "American military men in mufti" were in Italy, mostly in the districts bordering on Yugoslavia.

The arming of alleged Italian Fascists in Trieste and the unlawful entry of "camouflaged American military units" in the Italo-Yugoslav frontier regions "show that Trieste more and more commands the attention of the American militarists," the paper added.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI FILM CEREMONY

Shanghai, Feb. 16.

Ten prizes were awarded to the producers of the 10 best pictures of last year at a ceremony yesterday commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Shanghai Film Festival.

The meeting was attended by hundreds of delegates from theatres, film companies and schools including film directors, movie stars and Peiping drama actors and actresses.

In a brief address, Mr. Pan Kung-chun, Chairman of the City Council, said that the sublimation and beautifying of life should be the aim of dramatic art.—Reuter.

Feeding Without Fuss

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Another common cause of trouble is that mothers tend to forget how really strange a new food is to the small child. Many children, contrary to popular belief, are very cautious about what goes into their mouths. To enjoy their food properly they want to be allowed to look at it, examine it, even put their hands in it and feel it before tasting, and certainly to take a small taste before a large mouthful.

Enjoyment of food is more important than good manners to the young child. Also a heaped-up plate of food, even familiar food, is likely to scare the child. So the second rule is: Give really small helpings and allow the child time to assimilate the idea of each food before eating it.

However important the above causes are, by far the commonest and most serious cause of eating difficulties is over-anxiety on the part of the mother. All children at some time or another "go off" their food temporarily, probably because they are over-tired, over-excited or not well. When this happens the mother becomes worried and anxious.

She tries coaxing and urging and the child naturally likes all this fuss. It makes him feel important and even after he is well again he may pretend he is not hungry in order to see his mother perform and as on reaches a stage where he actually cannot eat without this "domestic stage" show.

**'THE UNFAITHFUL'**

By Georgia H. Cooper

Chapter II

THE STORY THIS FAR: While Bob Hunter is away on business, his beautiful young wife, Chris, is overpowered by her step by a promoter. When Bob returns, Chris is portrayed from the previous night's struggle. His good friend, attorney Larry Reynolds, is on the scene. Police Lt. Reynolds tells Bob that Chris has killed the intruder.

"This is not going to be a third degree," Reynolds assured Chris. "I just want to get the facts. I'll get it over quickly."

Chris seemed to waver and spent in the bright sunlight that streamed out the huge, high-ceilinged bedroom. She sat listlessly in a large, deep-seated chair. Bob was perched on the arm of her chair, concern and affection marking his manner. Larry stood at the big window.

"Now then, Mrs. Hunter," Reynolds went on, "if you'll just tell me what happened from the time you came home last night...."

Bob felt Chris' hand grow tense in his but her quiet voice displayed no emotion. "I put the car away and came round to the front entrance," she began. "I didn't see anyone—but he must've been hiding on the grounds. Anyway, just as I opened the door, I turned—and he was standing there...."

"Is that when you screamed?" "No, I—I didn't have time. He put his hand over my mouth, and pushed me through the doorway."

"And then?" "Well, he warned me to keep quiet."

"He threatened you?" Reynolds asked. She nodded.

"Had you ever seen him before, Mrs. Hunter?"

Chris seemed oddly disturbed by the question. "No."

"Hanging round outside, maybe?" he suggested. She shook her head firmly.

"Just try to remember," he urged.

"No, no, NO!" Her voice rose. "I've never seen him before!"

"Jewellery!" Bob echoed in astonishment. "Then why didn't you give it to him?"

"I.... I thought if I had a chance to get up the stairs to the servants'.... But he grabbed me—he shuddered visibly, remembering—the threw me back in to the living room.... I fell...."

"Oh, it was horrible! He was wild!" Her eyes closed in an effort to retain her composure. She continued after a moment, quiet and tense. "Then the lights went out.... And we crashed down in the dark.... somehow...."

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It was late morning when Chris and Larry arrived at Headquarters in response to Lt. Reynolds' request for Chris' written statement.

Reynolds glanced up as they came in. A small, dark woman sat opposite him, nervously twisting a limp handkerchief between her fingers. The contrast between the two women was striking. Chris' radiant beauty only served to emphasize the extraordinary plainness of the smaller woman.

Reynolds regarded Chris thoughtfully for a moment. Then as if he had arrived at a swift decision, he spoke briskly. "Mrs. Hunter—this is Mrs. Tanner—Mrs. Michael Tanner.... the widow of the—dead man."

"Oh...." Chris' exclamation was barely audible. "I didn't know.... I.... I didn't think of him having a wife...."

"And—Mr. Hunter—Mr. Tanner—Mrs. Tanner," Reynolds finished matter-of-factly. "Sit down won't you?" He indicated the chairs near his desk. "Now then, Mrs. Hunter," he said, "Mrs. Tanner has been telling me a me-thing of her husband. It seems he was a sculptor and, although he didn't have a large income,

"I think we all want to get at the facts, Hunter," Reynolds began.

"Lieutenant, you've already been given the facts," Larry interrupted. "And I certainly do not intend to let Mrs. Hunter stand for this sort of questioning!"

"Larry," Chris said suddenly. "It's all right. You needn't object. I've nothing to conceal."

"Thank you, Mrs. Hunter," Reynolds settled back in his chair and waited.

"As well as I can remember," Chris went on, "he said: 'Hand over your jewellery.'"

"That's not true!" The words were shrill and unexpected. Mrs. Tanner rose, trembling. "That's not true!" she repeated, her voice high and piercing. "No, No, it's not! 'It's a lie!'"

Reynolds was galvanized into action. In one sweeping leap he reached her side. His finger locked into a firm grip on her shoulders. "Mrs. Tanner," he urged quietly, "please try to control yourself."

She tried to break away, struggled violently, but Reynolds held her fast. "My husband was no thief!" she screamed. "He never stole a thing in his life! Grit, deep down shook her. As Reynolds dragged her forcibly through the doorway and out of the room, she glared at Chris in bitterness and despair. "You killed him!" she screamed. "You murdered him!.... You know you did!"

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Significant Criticism In Germany

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London, Feb. 15. The first significant German criticism of the Allied reparations policy in Germany has appeared in a detailed document entitled, "Reparations, Production and Standard of Life," published in Bremen and received in London over the week-end.

The document accused the Allies of violating international law and demanded that the whole problem of reparations be put "on a legal basis."

"Hitherto, all the measures taken by the Allies in securing reparations have been the unilateral acts of conquerors, and require, in order to be legal, to be confirmed in a treaty," it said.

Although negotiations on the German peace treaty had so far been carried on exclusively by the Allies, the author, Senator G. W. Harmsen, of Bremen, said that the document was "to serve as a basis for the eventual negotiations of German representatives with the Allies."

He declared that it was completed at the request of the Minister-President of the British and American Zones, when, after the Moscow Conference, "the need to hold in readiness principles for a German standpoint on the reparations question had made itself felt."

"Open Offences"
Senator Harmsen, who is in charge of economic research and international affairs on the Bremen Senate, called for the setting up of a "reparations organization" similar to that set up after the first World War, which would give Germany a voice in the form reparations should take, and, "above all," in the valuation of those already made.

Senator Harmsen said that many of the means adopted by the Allies to extract reparations from Germany were open offences against international law.

"To force prisoners of war and civilian workers to work against their will is slavery and as much against international law as the annexation of territories without the consent of the population, or the expulsion of inhabitants from their lands," he said.

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The President renewed his appeal in a message to the 1948 annual session of the United States Conference of Mayors.

He called for a long-range housing programme, observing that such legislation was "long overdue," and proposed a national education programme. — United Press.

Government To Run Air Lines

London, Feb. 15. The nationalisation of India's air services was recommended today by the Standing Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Communications, New Delhi Radio reported.

The Committee accepted proposals to start an experimental Government-controlled air service.

At a meeting of the Committee today, figures were produced showing that the number of passengers flown by the Indian Airways during 1947 was three times the number flown in 1946.

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